Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.   (Previously presented) A method for producing a lacquer composition, the method comprising the step of adding silica particles to a reaction mixture comprising a first organosilane compound and a metal alkoxide under basic conditions, resulting in a lacquer composition containing silica particles.

2.   (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the metal alkoxide is a zirconium alkoxide, an aluminum alkoxide, a titanium alkoxide or a mixture thereof.

3.   (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the metal alkoxide is a metal diketonate.

4.   (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the first organosilane compound is an epoxysilane.

5.   (Previously presented) A method according to claim 4, wherein the epoxysilane is 3-glycidyloxypropyltrimethoxysilane.

6.   (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein at least a second organosilane compound is added to the reaction mixture.

7.   (Previously presented) A method according to claim 6, wherein the second organosilane compound comprises a tetra-alkoxysilane.

8.   (Previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, comprising the further steps of coating a substrate with the reaction mixture, and curing the reaction mixture to form a lacquer coating on the substrate.

9.   (Previously presented) A Product provided with a lacquer coating, wherein the lacquer coating is obtained by the method as claimed in claim 8.

10.   (Previously presented) A starting material composition for obtaining a lacquer composition, the starting material composition comprising an organosilane compound, silica particles, a base, and a metal alkoxide.

11.   (Previously presented) A lacquer composition comprising the reaction product of the starting material composition.

12. - 24. (Cancelled)